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Cotillion on a Budget!

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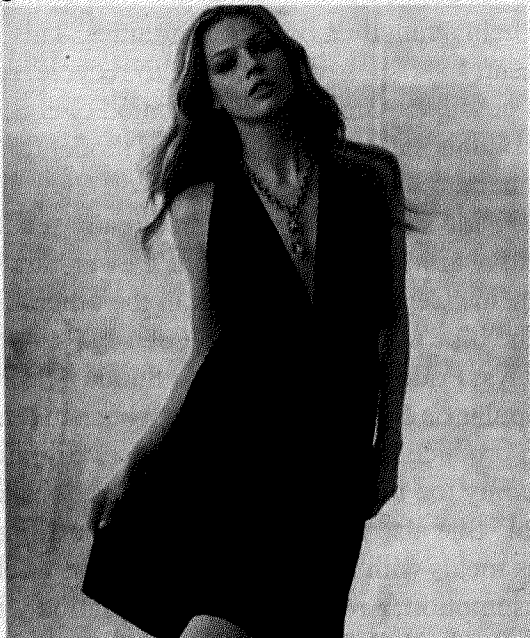
Save the date, and don't forget to grab one.

This weekend marks Arcadia's annual semi-formal event. Whether you plan on going for a classy experience with friends, to experience a taste of Philly, find some romance, or simply (or exceptionally) groove, you best have your calendars marked for Cotillion.

While many may have hesitated at the first glance of paying forty bucks to a school dance, know that it can be charged to your student account...a fee that can be paid off in increments. The potential of a lifelong lass or lad definitely deserves the chance for a measly month of saving.

If a date night isn't in the cards, friendship never lets you down. How often do you and your friends get to appreciate the classy side of Philadelphia? Of Arcadia? If the last time you got dressed up was for a job interview, you're in need for some immediate Knight intervention. If the cost of going out is what holds you back from the lovely night out on the town, there's a few solutions to avoid racking up bills while still earning some social credit.

Ladies, semi-formal events don't require gala ball gowns. A simple black dress is just as accommodating and easy for your date to match, not to mention black dresses are the easiest to accessorize with fun colored bling.



If you're tired of the simplistic chic of black dresses and want to add some spice to your Cotillion wardrobe, there's no need to follow the mainstream flow to the malls. Besides, how often are you going to wear your \$200 dress from Cache, or your fancy \$80 Aldo pumps? Renttherunway.com recently has seen a boom in their industry, and it's because they cater to Cotillion-esque goers. RTR allows patrons to rent outfits from a plethora of designer dresses and gowns for a super lowered price.

To use RTR, simply sign up using your email address and begin browsing their virtual closet of every style and fit. From midis to maxis, cocktails to matching clutches, RTR has you covered. Most outfits are available to rent for 80% off the selling price, and you're getting the real thing. RTR allows renters to pick two sizes to be delivered to them, just in case the first one fits a little funny. To prevent major outfitting crisis', RTR also offers a reduced rate on a second style as a back-up.

Worried about tearing the dress? Breaking the jewelry? It arriving on time? RTR accounts for accidents. They know drinks get spilled, food gets knocked over, and dress tails get stepped on from boogying. RTR adds a \$5 insurance fee that totally covers the outfits, just in case your moonwalk isn't as smooth as you thought it was.

Shipping's included in the checkout too and it's always guaranteed. Return shipping's easy. After wearing the dress and accessories,

simply put them in RTR's supplied return shipping packaging and place it at any Fedex drop.

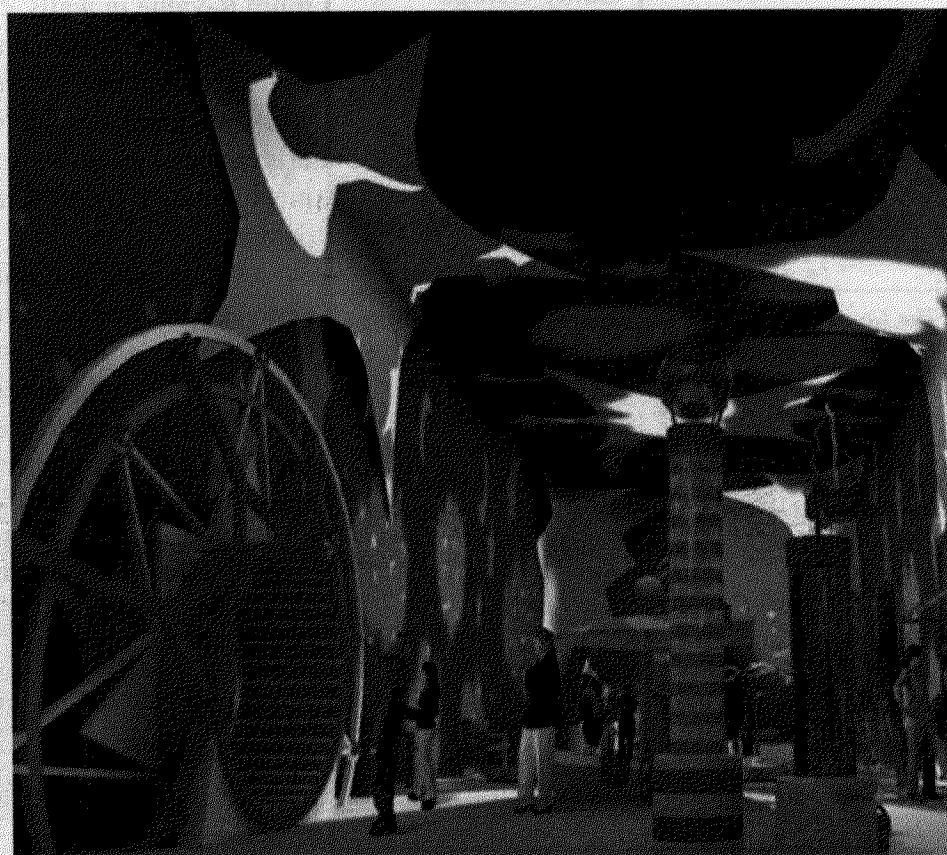
A one of a kind outfit and the dignity in saying you're strutting a runway look is quite the achievement for some considerably small change. Though it's more of a long term investment, ladies can also look to shoedazzle.com for some stellar steels on heels, bags, and accessories that are personally selected to match specific fashion senses. Even if you're not up for spending money, the fashion survey's pretty cool too.

Men, Lads, Boyfriends, Ballas, if you're going to Cotillion as a date, and want to go somewhere nice for dinner, don't shy away from finding apps on your smart phones for local coupons. Websites like groupson.com offer some awesome alternatives for inexpensive meals. Also, most nice restaurants (especially chains) have free rewards clubs that issue coupons just for signing up. I just received 25% off my entire meal from being on Ruby Tuesday's club and there are definitely awesome snags like that for other restaurants too. Melting Pot's are fun fondue places, (which most girls love anyway) and dish out free fondue coupons on a monthly basis.

No need to buy a tux either. Semi-formal attire is relatively easy for you gentlemen. Khakis or slacks and a button down are more than appropriate for Cotillion. If it's a chilly night and you're looking to separate yourself from the crowd, throw on a pull over sweater that shows the collar of your button down out the top. Sneakers are mostly a no go, but you don't need Sperry's to look fly. Local store K&G Fashion has phenomenal pricing on men's shoes and the brands are hardly "cheap". From Ralph Lauren, to Diesel, and the classic Tims, you'll find a decent pair of kicks for about \$25.

Whatever the dollar amount, Cotillion's a night to remember. There are few times after high school you get to experience the prom or homecoming atmosphere. Banquets and weddings are fun but it's hard to be a goof ball and do the worm as a bride, though I wouldn't put it past some of them. Plus, they're not \$40 bucks. It's part of college. There's Spring Fling, battle of the bands, and cotillion. Don't limit yourself...Explore!

Cotillion will be held Saturday, April 9 at the Please Touch Museum from 8pm to midnight. Contact the Residence Hall Council with any questions and be sure to follow up on those money saving sites.



Editorials & Opinions

“That’s just, like, your opinion, man.”

A Word From The Editor-in-Chief...

When I first heard the news that there was an assault on campus, my mind was full of emotions: anger, frustration, confusion, and worry. The emotion that hit me the hardest, however, was sadness. I was sad for the one attacked and sad that something so terrible can happen in one of the most peaceful places in the area.

We find ourselves at a point where we realize that terrible things can happen at any moment and really take us by surprise. Unfortunately, we have to learn to adapt to our situation and realize that we may have to be on our guard a little more than usual.

So I ask everyone of my fellow students and faculty to please take extra precautions from now on. When going to the parkinglot at night, it might not be a bad idea to use those public safety patrol box for an escort. Walk in groups together, and don’t ever hesitate to ask for help from public safety if you need it. Lastly, please don’t let anyone into a building if you don’t recognize them without seeing their ID. I won’t be offended if it’s me.

Brian Killeen

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What Arcadia Could Be...

By Abby Grosslein
Contributor

“When it comes to the future, there are three kinds of people: those who let it happen, those who make it happen, and those who wonder what happened.”

John M. Richardson, Jr.



Students, faculty, staff, and alumni should all congratulate themselves as Arcadia is awarded the Transition Cheltenham’s Best Friend Medal for achieving all its goals towards sustainability in 2021. The award grew out of an initiative for college towns across the Mid-Atlantic Region to get in touch with the towns around them to help strengthen both communities. This is the icing on Arcadia’s green-movement cake. Since the early 2000s, Arcadia strove to recycle, reduce energy consumption, and reuse whatever materials possible. After gas prices soared over \$5 a gallon, the campus took it up a notch by switching the Public Safety SUVs to hybrid models and finishing a bike path through campus. With Glenside’s help, bike lanes were painted on Church and Easton Roads to encourage bike traffic between Glenside’s two hubs. One can already see improvement at the dangerous intersection on Easton Road near Michael’s restaurant. Fewer cars between the shops in Wyncote in one direction, and Glenside Center and Keswick in the other are helping Easton Road’s general flow. In addition to the bike path, Arcadia and Glenside set up a hybrid shuttle bus that runs on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from campus to the train station. The bus is especially popular on Saturday mornings when students go to the Farmer’s Market to buy locally grown fresh produce for the week. Stephanie Highfield ’23 praised the shuttle, saying “it’s so convenient if you buy too many things for your bike basket—you can just put the bike on the shuttle’s rack and go!” She also added that she loves heading to the market to “hang out with friends and cook delicious meals with them for the rest of the week!”

In addition to reducing gasoline consumption, Arcadia installed insulation with a maximum R-value in walls, ceilings and attics in Boyer Hall, Easton Hall, and Brubaker to keep the buildings cool in the summer and hold in heat in the winter. Boyer Hall’s existing green roof was expanded and another was added to Murphy Hall. Solar panels were finally fitted on the still-somewhat new University Commons and the geothermal wells were re-fitted with a gravity-driven pipe system to further reduce its electricity use. Kuch Field, a.k.a. Beaver Beach, is again a meeting place for students to enjoy the sunshine and fresh air in the center of our award-winning campus.

Congratulate yourselves, Arcadians and Glensiders! With all that was done in just ten years, think what we can do in the future! If you are interested in being a part of furthering the transition away from fossil fuels, please contact the Environmental Network at EnvironmentalNetwork@arcadia.edu or see the Transition Cheltenham website at <http://www.transitioncheltenham.org/>. I leave you with some food for thought: “We are only just beginning to scratch the surface of the power of a positive vision of an abundant future: one which is energy-lean, time-rich, less stressful, healthier and happier.” – Rob Hopkins, Founder of the Transition movement.

**Have an opinion on a hot topic? Have something you need to get off your chest?
E-mail the Editor in Chief with your ideas!**

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Community Service

*"Gimme a hand,
will ya?"*

Community Service and Events on Campus

St. Baldricks- April 17th

Hey you! Want a "free" haircut

This event is new to our campus and is similar to the event know as Hawtober which does the same thing, raises money for people with cancer. The difference with this event is that you shave your entire head or, for those of you who wish, cut just a few inches of hair. Either way you still raise money for a good cause.

St. Baldricks will be held on April 17, 2011 from 12-4 pm in the Chat and sign ups are coming again so be on the look out for people asking you for a free hair cut. So for more info go to: <http://www.stbaldricks.org/events/arcadiastbaldricks> - Isaac Israel

Martial Arts Club

So, as all of us know, someone was recently assaulted on campus. We are all in a state of confusion as to keep this from happening. Paranoia is high, but don't worry- there is a way to solve this. Have you heard of the Martial Arts Club on campus? If not, I'll tell you about it.

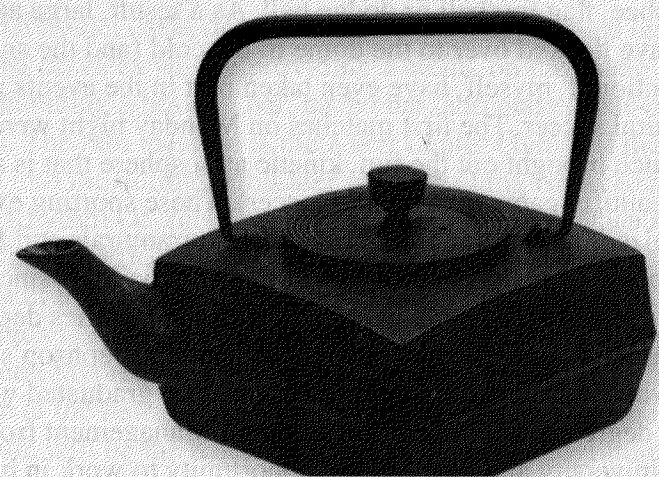
This club as the name sounds teaches you different styles of martial arts. They also hold an annual self-defense class that teaches anyone how to defend themselves from an attack and preventing themselves from being attacked. Included as well were tips to help keep you and your friends on campus safer, such as don't let random people into your hall unless you know they are a student. Asking people for ID, and it may seem odd but you are protecting everyone. Another tip is if someone attacking you make sure people know, scream if you must to make yourself known so that you can get help.

These and other tips can be useful and if people want to know how to defend themselves come to Martial Arts Club. Mondays and Thursdays from 9-11 or if you can't make those days Friday from 3-5 they hold a smaller meeting. So come out and learn to defend yourself! - Isaac Israel

A.S.I.A. Club visits Shofuso tea house!

* \$9 for transportation to and from Shofuso, tour of the tea house, and tea tasting

* We will have time to picnic at the grove!



A.S.I.A. Club collaborating with Anime Club and Amnesty Club

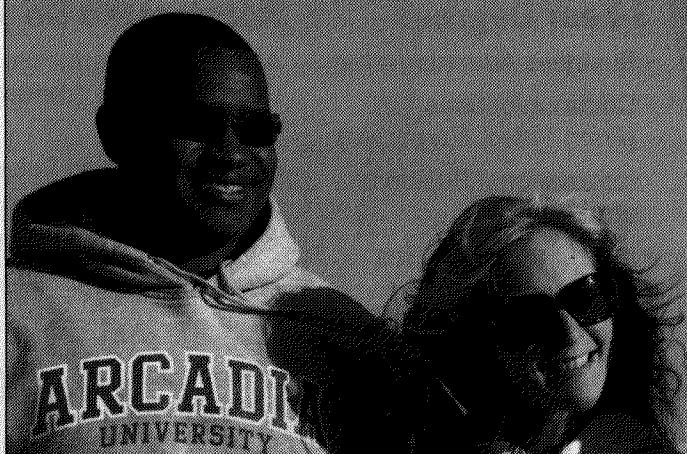
* Order onigiri or candy sushi! All proceeds will go to the Salvation Army in Japan!

* Onigiri is \$3 each or 2 for \$5. Candy sushi is \$1.50 a piece!

* If you are not going on the tea house trip you can make origami cranes with Amnesty Club!

* * If you go on the trip to the tea house we will bring the onigiri or sweets on the bus with us and it is a great snack for the picnic! E-mail arcadia.asia.club@gmail.com for more information! - Patricia Farley

New Options for Graduate Students



Doctorate Degree

- Educational Leadership

Dual Degree Programs

- Counseling Psychology/ International Peace and Conflict Resolution
- Public Health/Counseling Psychology
- Public Health/Physical Therapy
- Public Health/International Peace and Conflict Resolution

Certificates

Graduate certificates are offered both partially online and fully online. Current offerings include certificates in these disciplines:

- Business
- Counseling Psychology
- Education
- Instructional Technology
- International Peace and Conflict Resolution



The Man Behind Intramural Sports



By Michael Schwartz
Student Life Editor

During the winter, people tend to stay indoors and, therefore, there are less ways for people to get outside and exercise. However, at Arcadia, students now have the opportunity to partake in a variety of competitive athletics thanks to the intramural sports department. Every Monday through Thursday night, there is some form of recreational activity that is currently taking place in the Dome whether its soccer, ultimate Frisbee, flag football or dodge ball. As a result, large amounts of students have flocked over to the dome in the cold (and the snow) to get in on the action. I, myself, have even taken part in the events in terms of the intramural soccer. The first matches on Monday night were exciting as each match brought out the fun, kinetic atmosphere that is associated with the beautiful game of football (soccer). These sporting events have been organized by Jack Jephson, Director of Intramurals and Recreation.

Mr. Jephson, who has been a part of the Arcadia Staff since November 4th, has already made a huge impact with the athletics department as the intramurals have been widely participated in. Jephson's entire life has revolved around the world of sports as he graduated with a bachelor's degree in Sports and Recreational Management from James Madison University and now has the opportunity to work in his field of interest at Arcadia. He was willing to take part in an interview regarding the success of the athletic programs for students at Arcadia.

1. What are the primary objectives of the Arcadia intramural sport programs?

—“I would say the primary objectives here are giving every student an opportunity to participate. We give them (the students) something to do outside normal class. I believe that athletics is a lifestyle and not just for the varsity program and therefore should be something everyone should do.”

2. Do you feel that taking part in competitive games is more attractive to students to exercise?

—“I feel that the intramurals are getting more popular as time goes by. It beats the mundane workout for some at the gym. It really is another way of being active besides just running on an elliptical.”

3. How much effort and organization does it take from you and Arcadia to have these events?

—“It truly does take a good amount of organization and effort to have the intramurals. There are a lot of things that happen behind the scenes that students don't even realize. It takes a good amount of effort from me and Arcadia but it's worth it to see participation from the students who now have something else to do besides just sitting in their rooms. That's really where the award comes from.”

4. Of the four programs (Soccer, Frisbee, flag football, dodge ball), do you have a favorite in terms of organizing for the students? If so, why?

—“I really don't have a favorite since I've played in everyone. One sport is just as good as another since each has its own good attributes. When it comes to the soccer and the flag football, there is a very competitive nature that brings out great fire in the students. On the other hand, ultimate Frisbee and dodge ball offers a laid-back atmosphere where the students are there to really enjoy their time together. It really is rewarding to see different forms of energy coming out from the students in the intramurals.”

5. Would you like to expand on the intramural program in terms of adding more sports? If so, which sports do you want to add?

—“The program is growing at a really fast rate. It started from nothing and now I'm trying to add almost every known intramural. After the dome comes down, floor hockey, volleyball and basketball will take place in the gym. There will also be outdoor activities too later on in the semester. What the school really wants is to continually see more programs which give the students more options.”

6. At the end of the day, what is the one thing that makes you the most proud in regards to having and maintaining the intramural sports program?

—“Well, I've only been here for three months so there is still a long way to go. All these programs are being first run by me and I'm really proud of the student response. The students here have been very open to all the programs and are really having fun.”



What's New at Arcadia?

Bachelor's Degrees

- Cultural Anthropology
- Global Security and Emergency Management
- Sports Management (*Majors Abroad Program, students spend two semesters abroad*)

3-Year Degrees

- Business Administration
- Communications (*Print, Video, Corporate*)
- International Business and Culture
- International Studies
- Psychology

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Accelerated pathways to bachelor's and graduate degree:

- 3+2 in Forensic Science
- 3+2 in International Peace and Conflict Resolution
- 3+3 in Physical Therapy

For more information, visit: www.arcadia.edu/academic



Public Safety Alert



Around 4:30A.M. on Sunday, March 27th, an unknown male entered a residence hall room and sexually assaulted a student. Students also reported that the male had earlier entered another room and left when confronted. Public Safety and Cheltenham Police were called and the incident is being investigated by Cheltenham Police detectives.

The male is described as white, possibly with scruffy facial hair (no mustache or beard) in his early 20s, approximately 6 feet in height, spiked short brown or blond hair, last seen wearing a blue plaid or patterned button-down shirt, over a solid blue T-shirt and dark pants. We will provide additional information as it is received from the Cheltenham Police.

If you would like to report any information related to these incidents, please contact the Director of Public Safety, Jim Bonner at 215 572 2187.

Cheltenham Police have and will continue to increase their patrols on campus as will the Arcadia University Public Safety staff.

We urge all Arcadia University students to notify Public Safety IMMEDIATELY, at extension 2999 (or from a non-campus phone at 215 572 2999);

- If anyone you do not know walks in behind you through a card access controlled door.
- If you see anyone wandering the residence hall not escorted by a host.
- If you see anything suspicious or of concern.

ADDITIONAL SAFETY REMINDERS:

- 1- **Ensure that your room door is kept locked at all times.**
- 2- **Be aware of your surroundings.**
- 3- **Be an alert member of our community and report any suspicious activity.**



Spring Fling Preview!



By Jared I. Greene
Photography Editor

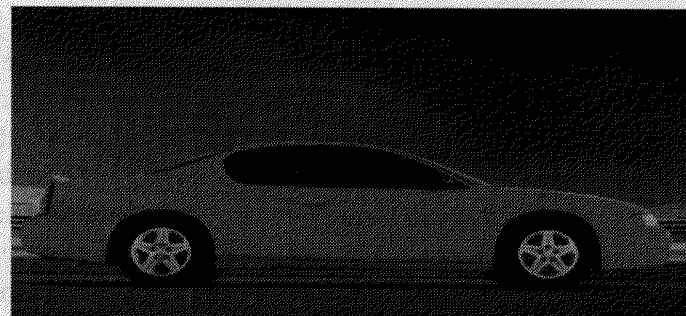
Spring Fling starts off on Thursday, April 14th with a Lip Sync show at 10pm in the Stiteler theater. Admission to the event is \$2 which is donated to charity. On Friday from 3-6pm on the castle lawn will be BLITZ, sponsored by the Office of Student Engagement. The event will be free to all students, staff, faculty, and family/guests. Arcadia clubs and organizations will be hosting all sorts of games and crafts. There will also be free food like funnel cake, pizza, chocolate dipping, and ice cream. Parkhurst dining services will be providing a picnic on the castle lawn from 4-6pm, including a hot dog bar, nacho bar, and make-your-own ice cream sundaes. The rain location is the Kuch Center Gym and the picnic will be moved into the dining hall. Later in the evening is the Knight Club show, entitled Rhythm Of The Knight. The event will take place at 7pm at the Stiteler theater. Prices for admissions are \$3 for students and \$5 for guests. There will be an End of Semester Dance from 10pm-1am in the dining hall, which is sponsored by the Student Programming Board.

The much favored Woodstock event will be on Saturday from noon until 7pm at the new soccer field near Easton Road and Route 309. The rain location will be the Kuch Center. The Student Programming Board sponsored event is also free to all students, faculty, staff, and family/guests. There will be live performances by several bands throughout the event. Battle of the Bands winner Over N' Out will lead off, with Frank Viele and the Manhattan Project, The Speedbumps, and Lynhurst following respectively. Alternative rock band SafetySuit, coming from Tennessee, will be the headliner. Free food and prizes will also be available. There will be a screening of No Strings Attached on the castle lawn at 9pm.

On Sunday there will be another performance of Knight Club's Rhythm of the Knight at 3pm at the Stiteler theater. There will also be a fashion show using donated clothing called Donations Of The Decades at 7pm in Stiteler. Arcadia students will be modeling some clothing. There will be some vintage clothing available for purchase, all leftovers will be donated to a vintage thrift store in Willow Grove. All proceeds will go towards low-income housing.

T-shirts for Spring Fling will be on sale starting Wednesday, April 6th for \$10.

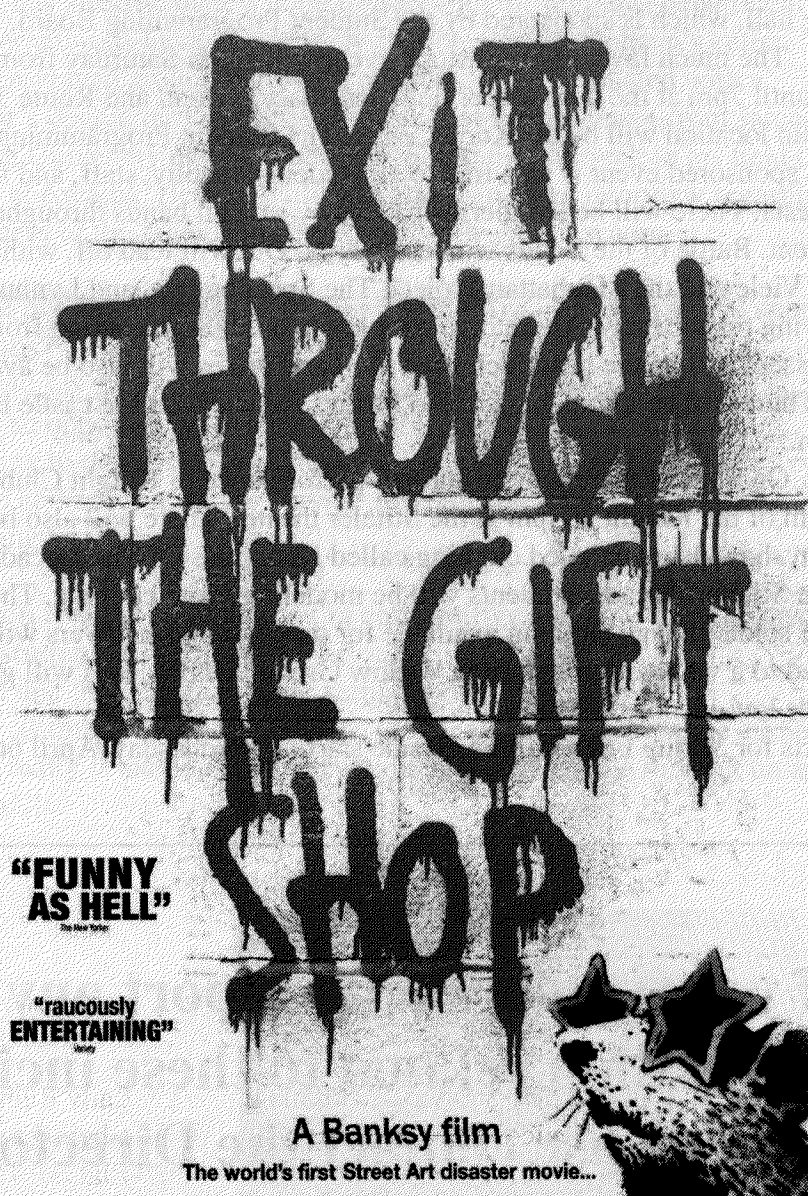
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Movie Review: Exit Through the Gift Shop

By Michael Schwartz
Student Life Editor

After watching the end of the Oscars (another boring, predictable show that I'm glad I didn't waste 3 plus hours watching it), I learned that one of the most interesting categories heading into the show was The Best Documentary Category. Of the five nominees, I had seen one film which was Restrepo (an unbelievably poignant film that was like watching a real-life version of last year's Oscar award winning best picture "The Hurt Locker"). Yet, the two nominees that were most expected to win were "Inside Job" (a scathing comprehensive analysis of the 2008 financial crisis) and an interesting little documentary that had intrigued both critics and fans alike called "Exit Through The Gift Shop". While "Inside Job" won, I was still more interested in watching "Exit Through the Gift Shop" because of the buzz around it for being something radically different. It turns out, I made the right decision.



"Exit Through The Gift Shop" covers the memorable story of Thierry Guetta, a French immigrant living in Los Angeles, California. After moving to the U.S in the 1980s, Guetta was living the typical American dream as he ran a successful clothing store and supported a loving family. However, the one thing that was different about the Frenchman was his obsession with capturing every moment of his life on film with his video camera. While on holiday in France, he meets his cousin, who turns out to be a street graffiti artist named Invader (His name comes from his trademark style of art inspired by the alien characters of the old video game Space Invaders). After filming his cousin "at work" during the night, Guetta becomes fascinated by street art and soon starts filming various street artists during their nocturnal adventures including Shepard Fairey, the man behind the famous Barack Obama

"Hope" poster during his 2008 campaign. Guetta's love of filming street art eventually allows him to run into one of the most provocative and secretive street artists of the world; Banksy.

"Exit Through The Gift Shop" is simply remarkable for the journey it takes you on with Thierry Guetta, who transforms from a mild-mannered family man with a camera around him 24/7 to a street artist/gallery presenter inspired by his peers. For a film that runs for less than 85 minutes, it presents stark images of original art, daring adventure and the colorful characters who are just crazy enough to make their dreams become reality. While Guetta is the protagonist, the film's star is its director, the mysterious British graffiti artist Banksy, who has captured the minds and imaginations of millions with his glaring, subversive statements of political and social commentary. His art, which often consists of stenciled graffiti images, are symbols of rebellion often against establishment, complete societal control, and war. The movie depicts Banksy as a radical, someone who isn't afraid to spread their message while at the same time prefers to remain in complete obscurity from the known world. Yet, a main focus of the film is the strange but everlastingly strong relationship Banksy, Shepard Fairey, and other street artists have with the eccentric Thierry Guetta, who almost disregards everything in his life for his new passion. It is absolutely fascinating to watch Guetta, who after years of following and idolizing his new friends, soon become inspired to be an artist himself, giving himself the title of "Mr. Brainwash", which leads to stunning success and fortune.

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What makes this documentary work so much is how it explores the concept of what constitutes for art. Guetta becomes "Mr. Brainwash", a wildly successful street artist with galleries in New York and Los Angeles. Yet, at the end of the day, Guetta is less of an artist and more an innovator. His ideas of art which basically consist of distorting copyrighted images of famous luminaries, symbols or events, captivate the hearts and minds of people all over the world who see his work and feel he's a genius. Yet, the point of the film is that when it comes down to it, there's really nothing that different from Guetta, Banksy, Fairey or any other artist from people like you or me. While some artists may have remarkable aspects about them, they are still human at the end of the day. However, we live in a sensationalist society that appreciates art to the point of putting celebrities and other artists on pedestals making them out to be other worldly or even "god" like. Yet, what most don't realize is that these people are not as perfect or glamorous as we make them out to be. They are just able to express their feelings, their thoughts, their soul, and their heart in ways that are more fascinating than perceived "average" or "regular" people. What I feel this film teaches is that appreciation of art should come down to the individual alone. A phrase like "Beauty is the eye of the beholder" could summarize this film and its message of individualism and strength to not be afraid to express yourself or be who you truly are.

Entertainment *"....really, truely it is."* Arts

Album Preview Bonanza!

By Sean Kearney

Panda Bear – Tomboy – Release: 4/19/2011

-Panda Bear's 3rd and perhaps most anticipated album is finally upon us. Young Prayer didn't really grab everyone as many found it a little too strange for their tastes but Person Pitch grabbed everyone's attention and solidified Panda Bear as one of the best artists of the last few years. Many were curious to see where Panda Bear would go after such a widely successful release. Around this time last year Panda Bear (Noah Lennox) released the first single from Tomboy and the conversations about the album have not stopped. Since that first single release, Panda Bear has been releasing singles off the full album roughly once every month and a half or so which has kept interest in the album high while making a sort of fun waiting game out of it. If you've been keeping up with the single releases, you've heard most of the album already. If you've been lucky enough to see him live, you've probably heard the remaining tracks not yet released. If you've done both, it's hard not to be psyched.

Fleet Foxes – Helplessness Blues – Release: 5/3/2011

-It's hard to forget the first Fleet Foxes album. When it was released in 2008, it was hard to go anywhere at all without hearing folks singing the band's praises. On top of a great first effort, the band has been said to put on incredible live performances. Then, out of nowhere, the band sort of dropped off the face of the Earth. New material with arise occasionally in the past 3 years in the way of bad quality bootlegs or recordings of Robin Pecknold performing solo. Then, also out of nowhere, the band announced their insanely anticipated sophomore album Helplessness Blues and has since been releasing songs off the upcoming album on the Internet. It sounds like, well, more Fleet Foxes. You won't hear me complain about that.



White Denim - D – Release: 5/30/2011

-The multi-genre Austin group, White Denim, have been one of the more underestimated bands of the last few years. Most bands within their first 3 albums experience hiccups whether you've replaced your drummer 10 times, got a little too ambitious with your second album, or you were just plain human and wrote a few forgettable songs. Somehow, somehow, White Denim has found a way to stay exciting while trying new things on each and every album. First there was Workout Holiday which impressed with its frantic yet exact musicianship that got everyone's attention. Then there was Fits which besides having a witty album title (read all together: White Denim Fits) showed off a more cosmic and psychedelic side of the band's songwriting. Then in what was one of the more pleasant surprises of last year, the band released their most recent album, End of Summer, for free on their website. In true White Denim fashion, the band now goes 100 miles an hour towards their fourth album, D. Don't blink, hell, you better start running now.

What Time is it? Adventure Time!

By Patricia Farley
Entertainment Editor

Adventure Time with Finn and Jake is an animated series from the mind Pendleton Finn Ward. Adventure Time has two main characters, Finn the human boy (voiced by Jeremy Shada) and his magical dog Jake (voiced by John DiMaggio). The setting is a post-apocalyptic world in the Land of Ooo, where magic is freely used and science is top notch. Adventure Time started out as an animated short for Nickelodeon but was picked up by Cartoon Network when the short became viral. Ward states that his influences stem from The Simpsons, My Neighbor Totoro, and The Office. Adventure Time is a cartoon unlike many that I have seen on Cartoon Network. It involves a myriad of elements uncommon to cartoons from my childhood. I believe cartoons of America are evolving and somewhat merging with other forms of media, for example Nickelodeon's Avatar: The Last Airbender reflecting Japanese anime. Adventure Time expresses what young people of the present day feel but in cartoon form.

What draws people to Adventure Time? The characters are ones that I have never seen before? Finn may be a plain human boy but with a really cool hat and a chivalrous sense of adventure. Jake may be a

normal looking dog but he plays viola with his girlfriend Lady Rainicorn (half rainbow and half unicorn and she can fly!) while also being a magical dog that can twist his form around and grow extremely large. There are princesses all over, even from space, the Evil Ice King, the Vampire Queen Marceline, and so many more. Adventure Time is a nightclub that children's fantasies own, knights are the bouncers, wizards are DJing to techno-pop, and internet memes are dancing with surreal humorists.



Food and Life

"One cannot exist without the other..."

Philly's Favorite Foods

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Philadelphia is known for many things: the Liberty Bell, Ben Franklin and crazy sports fans, just to name a few. But when it comes to food Philadelphia deserves its props as well. Of course Philadelphia has its fair share of fantastic restaurants, many of which have been mentioned of The Food Networks "Best Thing I Ever Ate" and "Diners Drive-ins and Dives," but what most people remember about the city are the Philadelphia classics. Cheese steaks, soft pretzels, and scrapple are three of the foods most people associate with the Philadelphia area.

Cheese steaks are probably the most notable Philly classic and everyone who lives in or near Philadelphia has an opinion on who makes the best cheese steak sandwiches. In the city there are two or three cheese steak places that people associate with the classic Philly cheese steak. These are Pats, Geno's and Tony Lukes. While many will stand by one or the other as the best cheese steak in Philadelphia even more will say that the best cheese steak title does not belong to any of the three. My father for example swears the best cheese steak comes from a food cart a couple blocks away from Temple University, is this true? Who knows? But let's face it there truly is nothing better in life than thin sliced beef, onions and pepper and cheese all the grease included free of charge. The cheese steak is possibly the best food invention ever, and it originated no more than twenty minutes away from our fine university.

Soft Pretzels are another Philadelphia favorite. If you grew up in the Philadelphia area and did not see a Phillies game with a soft pretzel in one hand and an ice cream in the other your childhood was incomplete. That being said, soft pretzels have certainly made a name for themselves in the city. It is probably impossible to find a food cart that does not sell soft pretzels and there is even a chain of stores with Philadelphia title, which is good for Arcadia Students because there is a Philadelphia pretzel shop a short drive, or a moderate walk, straight down Easton Road. That way we can all get our Philadelphia Soft Pretzel fix and not have to take the train all the way into the city...though if you want to go fulfill your childhood, go see the a Phillies game with your pretzel and ice-cream...no one is going to stop you.

Scrapple...well no one really knows what scrapple is but Anna Gallo, an Arcadia Sophomore Chemistry major tells me "its pork scraps, ground up with cornmeal and spices. It sounds gross but it's so good." But Mark Namura gives a slightly more amusing description by shuttering and saying "It's like...ground up parts nobody wants to have to see and eat." Whether you love it or hate it Scrapple is another Philadelphia favorite. Usually served for breakfast, it is easily attainable in any Philadelphia area supermarket and many restaurants. So, no need to hop a train to Philadelphia to try this classic either, Arcadia is close enough to the city that if you have a craving for the...uh...ground up parts, you can simply go to the grocery store.

Lucky for any us Arcadia Students, if we want one of Philadelphia's classic favorites we only have to go so far. So if you have lived here this long and have not managed to get your hands on one of these fantastic treats, go out and try them. They're delicious!



Wedding on a Budget

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Since a few friends of mine, all in college, have recently become engaged to their significant others, this topic has been brought to my attention. The average wedding cost now per couple is \$27,000. As college students, it is hard enough to afford to go food shopping let alone budgeting a wedding. Even if you are engaged and not planning to get married until after graduation, you still need to plan and figure out a budget. Then you will be able to have the wedding you want while still being able to pay off those dreadful school loans. The following are some ways to plan your wedding on a budget and have one less thing to stress about.

Know your budget. Know what your budget is for the wedding and make it slightly less than that number. Most couples always end up going a little over their budget so this allows you to not supersede your spending limit. You should also sit down with your partner and decide what your priorities are and figure out what you need to compromise on ahead of time. This will eliminate a lot of stress and arguments. Also keep in mind that you want to allocate your budget out as evenly as possible towards: food, entertainment, location, wedding dress, etc. This way you will avoid overspending in one area and not having enough money left for other things needed for the wedding.

The number of guests. A big part of how much money you will spend on your wedding depends on how many people you will invite. The more guests at your wedding, the more food is needed, the larger the wedding cake has to be, the more room is needed for the ceremony and reception, etc. Sit down with your partner and make a list of who you both feel must be at your special day. Remember that your classmates might not be worth the extra few grand and it may be better to just invite your immediate family and closest friends to the wedding.

Use your creativity. In college we find ourselves channeling our creativity to get that "A" on the project that was pushed off until the week before it was due. At this point it is almost a given for a college student to be computer literate in most computer programs. This could save you and your partner a lot of money in terms of invitations, save the dates, thank you cards, etc. You can design all of your invites on the computer with an already existing design template or create your own completely from scratch. Also if you find yourself or your friends crafty, design your own décor for the ceremony, the centerpieces, etc.

Food and drink. Your food and drinks will typically be the most expensive part of your wedding. The more guests you invite the higher the food and drink cost will be. Instead of having a 5 course meal for all of your guests, consider having your wedding later in the evening with an extended cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres being passed around. Alcohol can be very pricey. Being that you are in college, a large amount of your guests may not even be of age to drink so think about downsizing to house alcohol rather than top-shelf liquor. These are just a few steps you can take to plan your wedding on a budget. If you are patient, do your research, utilize your creativity and stick to your budget, you will be able to have an awesome wedding without digging yourself into a deeper hole of debt.